January 1, 1973

Dear Roger,

I'm on my way to Miami. Just finished what information I can furnish you at present on the half cent CC for varieties of 1793 and 1794. It's enclosed. This should help somewhat. Send the next years at your convenience.

A few comments:

These secret collections are all well and good but if we are to cooperate on this project it is important to know who these people are. The more vague we are having access to the coins if and when the occasion arises. Other than actual viewing of the coins which is so important, they provide other information that can be very useful. Of course, this information is solely for myself so the information I am giving you is certainly not for anyone elses knowledge. I get around quite alot and there is a good chance to see many collections. But I must know who the are. As you say, it is a "touchy subject." However, this project must be accurate.

Your opinion of Rogers and Jim Kamen's grading is quite correct I've had exactly the same experiences. And I want to hear your version of why Breen's half cent book was never published

I'm not up to date on the half cent info so I must polish up my knowledge and memory banks. Hopefully I'll be able to locate on this starting in Miami. Also, I have a possible contact in L.A. for information. In fact, a couple of them.

About CMM #1b of 1794. Did Akers own two specimens or only one? Big discrepency in Akers example of CMM #7 of 1794 what say? Also in the Brobston - Katman coin, same variety.

Ruby catalog should be to you in a couple days. Let me know what you want and what information. (over)

Do you have the inventory of the Nowell call? Have you seen it? Some questions regarding the Newman call.

This is a sloppy letter. I'm writing it in the jet and we're heading down into Miami.

All for now.

Very sincerely,

Del

BETHESDA, MD. 20014

June 24, 1972

Mr Del Bland
2245 Lane ave # 115
San Jose Calif 95122

Dear Del,

Yesterday at a local Coin Show Bob Shalowitz mentioned that he had recently returned a 1797 lettered edge ½ cent to you which from the way he described it would be of some interest to me. Can you ship it to me with your price?

In addition to this I have heard from various sources that you acquired Hyde & Campbell's as well as Dr Satori's Collection of Half Cents. I have purchased some of these coins after they have passed through W.K. Bagnall and a 100% Mark up. Is there any reason why you could not place me in a Priority Position to receive Half Cents when you have them for sale? As you may or may not know I now have all 90 Varieties of Half Cents which are listed in My book. Currently I am trying to up grade a number of them. In addition I am receiving at least 5 or 6 letters a week from various person asking questions about Half Cents and usually inquiring if I have any for sale. For the most part I have very few for sale and most of these I have paid such a high Price for I can't even make $5

on a resale.

I think that if you will send me Half Cent that I will be a good and PROMPT Customer as I do Not ~~desire~~ resell them before Paying for them.

Sincerely
Rogers S Cahen Jr.

June 27, 1973

Dear Roger,

Nice to receive your letter of June 24. Certainly there is no reason I cannot sell what half cents I have directly to you. I would be glad to, Roger. I still have the 1797 lettered edge as I haven't shown it to anyone else. I also have around 30-35 other half cents, all of which I would be pleased to offer to you. Let me say that you will have first choice at them. I did purchase Hugh Campbell's half cent collection and also some other half cents that were originally sold in the Fahnman collection sold by A. Kosoff in Feb. 1963. Then I have some of Bill Weber's duplicates. So I have enough for you to pick from. Some of these have been sent around the country other than a few to Chicago. Dr. Sartori's half cents have been sold some

time ago. My prices are quite reasonable so any you decide to resell you can make more than "5.- per coin on.

I understand you are planning a trip to my locale. If so, should I just put my half cents aside until you get here or should I send them to you immediately? Whatever you want is fine with me. As I said, I'll hold whatever I have for you for whenever we get together. Let me know.

My telephone number (408 251-1394) is unlisted.

Very sincerely,

Del Bland

6/30/73

PER R.G. SHALLOWITZ PRICE WAS 330

Dear Hal,

Yes, I would appreciate receiving the 1797 lettered edge by return mail. The other for the moment if you would send me a list I'd appreciate it.

2745 LANAI AVE #115
SAN JOSE CALIF 95122

Thanks for writing me so promptly. I'm many ways my letter to you was rather obtuse but then I am the type of person who very often takes the "bull by the Horns". The purpose of my letter was to let you know I'm interested in buying Half Cents but I must retreat somewhat from my letter.

I realize that no Customer should be telling a businessman how to run his business. Lord knows I have enough of them with my Clients. Therefore I will leave it to You as to what Half Cents you want to make available to Me. If by some chance I hear of the fact that you offered or sold another Collector a Half Cent I'd like or may not have wanted I will not start Climbing on your back. I'm sure this has happened to you on large Cents and is a damn nuisance. The only thing I'm concerned about is if the reverse is true, i.e. you offered or sold me a coin that someone else wanted for his Collection. I'm sure you know Bill Weber better than I do. This is one person who I am concerned about but I leave it you

Perhaps I should write such long wordy letters but this sure you will understand what this writing.

Sincerely
Roger

P.S. This encloses a list of My bright Combine of each Variety By My Numbers. However I do Need Die plate ~~on~~ ~~one~~ Numbers ones.

2245 Lanai Ave. #115
San Jose, California 95122
July 3, 1973

Dear Roger,

Enclosed is the 1797 lettered edge – price $600.00 Even though the surface is not entirely smooth, its the sharpest struck example of the variety I've ever seen.

I'll send you a list of the others when I get back in a couple days from a trip.

Should have a couple you can use. Haven't picked up anything nice & last week.

Gotta get this in the mail. Will write more later.

Check Sent 7/6/73

Best Regards,

Del Bland

2245 Lavar Ave. # 115
San Jose, California 95122
July 5, 1973

Dear Roger,

Thanks for your list of half cents. Don't know whether or not I have anything that will add to your collection but enclosed is a list of the half cents I own. Will hold them until I know definitely which ones you want and don't want. If you need any for resale, I am certain I can give them to you reasonably. The only people who have seen these are Bill Weber, Bill Raymond and Bob Shlowitz, a few. Only one coin I would like to hold on to is the 1811 G-2a with the 4 star break. It's a beauty, the second finest I have of, Bill Raymond owning a better example, a 40 coin or so. Besides, Bill Weber has been promised first choice if I do sell it. Do you know of any other high grade 1811 G-2a's?

When you coming West? Will I see you?

Best Regards, Del

1793 G-1 E.F. - 40
1794 G-9 V.F. - 25
1804 G-5 VF - 30
1804 G-6 F- 15 ex Fahrman coll as VF.
1806 G-2 VF- 25
1806 G-3 MS- 70
1808/7 G-1 F 12
1809/6 G-5 A.U. - 55
1811 G-2a VF- 25 ~ otherwise
1825 G-1 MS- 60+
1825 G-1 MS- 60
1825 G-1 MS- 60+
1826 G-1 MS- 60
1828 G-1 MS- 65
1828 G-3 MS- 60+
1829 G-1 MS- 60
1832 G-1 MS- 60
1833 G-1 MS- 60+
1833 G-1 MS- 65
1834 G-1 MS- 60
1835 G-1 MS- 60
1843 original Proof
1849 MS- 65
1850 MS- 60+
1851 MS- 60+
1851 MS- 65
1853 MS- 65+
1854 MS- 65+
1856 MS- 70
1857 MS- 65
1860 MS- 60 sharp, early strike, rusted dies
1862/c G-1 F-12
1862/0 G-1 VF- 20

1863 G-2 E.F. - 45
1863 G-2 E.F. - 45
1864 G-2 MS- 60
1864 G-8 MS- 60+
1865 G-2 EF- 40
1866 G-3 MS- 65+
1867 EF- 45+
1872 G-3 MS- 60
1874 G-1 MS- 70
1875 MS- 70
1877 MS- 65+
1803 G-1 F- 15
1804 G-1 F- 15
1808/7 G-1 VG
1809 G-3 VF- 25

Dear Roger,

Just a note to remind you to send to me a list of documents relating to Carly Corrage in the National Archives. If there is any expense involved please inform me as such and I'll reimburse you.

Thanks alot for your help

Very sincerely,

Del Bland

12/2/73

Dear Del.

Thanks for reminding me about the list of documents relating to the early coinage in the National Archives. This is sorry to delay on this but perhaps the best thing to do is to let you know how the archives are set up. The reason for this is that each specific document is not listed.

The archives is broken up basically into what are known as Record Groups. There are over 500 of these and they vary greatly in size. For Example Record groups 77 is on the "War of the Rebellion" (Civil War to most people) and occupies so much space that there is a warehouse in Suitland MD. that is full.

Record Group 104 is on Coins and Currency. This in Turn is broken down into Sub groups such as Records of the Denver Mint, Records of the Philadelphia Mint Records of the Comptroller of the Currency etc. Each Sub group is broken down into "Entries"

The records of the US MINT at Philadelphia are broken down into over 230 Entries. I will list some of them

ENTRY #	
1	General Correspondence
7	Boulton Correspondence
30	Assay Waste Book
41	Waste Books
43	account Book for Coinage Expenses
45	Record of Copper Coinage
46	account book for Delivery of Cents and Half Cents 1796-1803
52	Records relating to Copper cent Blanchets 1837-1850
100	Bullion Ledgers 1794-1810
108	Register of Weights for Philadelphia Mint 1839-1854

Perhaps you can see what a Mammoth task awaits the ~~those~~ researcher at the Archives When you Consider such entry.

Entry #1 which is "General Correspondence" Covers the Period 1792-1899 and is 75 Feet long of papers stacked one on top of the other. If went through the First 6 Feet which Covered the period 1792 to 1812. Not only did it feel Correspondence it found reports, drawings for Planchets, Proposals etc

Entry #7 which is "BOULTON Correspondence" also has the Correspondence with COLTMAN

Entry #41 its "Waste Book" is for the most part accounts Journal for the Gold and Silver Coinage However back in the unused section of a Bound book I found the records of the delivery of Cents and Half Cents to the Various Persons + Banks Who Purchased them from the Mint.

Entry #46 is the famous account Book that has been so freely quoted by Me and others for data on Cents + Half Cents. This has been referred to as the "Cent Book" by Walter Breen. This book is a Virtual "Gold Mine" of information However as it was ~~not~~ written there are questions on some of the data Presented.

Entry # 52 on the Purchase of Copper Cent Planchets 1837-1850 also has Half cents and interestingly enough there are No Half cent Planchets

Purchased until 1849. This is one reason that I question the Rare Proofs of 1840-1849 It is also interesting to note that there is another book covering the copper planchets from 1850-1857 which ~~this~~ is not listed as an entry. But Julian found it among another entry

Entry # 108 for the Register of Dies for the Philadelphia Mint 1839-1854 is very interesting There are No records of Philadelphia dies. the Entire book is on Branch Mint dies. a great deal of information on the C+D mints which is not in their sub group can be found here. I particularly found the omission of the Philadelphia dies to be significant as there are Pages that have been removed where the Philadelphia records showed have been.

Now can you see why I need really more specific data from you as to what you want. It's a rather large task Perhaps the best thing to do is to let me know when you'll be in the D.C. area and I'll take you to the archives and let you pick out what you want.

I'm planning an article on the 1799 Half Cent Coinage for "Penny Wise" which will explain how the archives ~~work~~ are broken down and

(4)

Perhaps explain a bit more of the 1797 Emission Sequence. I recently got a letter from a Half Cent Collector who suggested that 1797 should be known as "Emission Impassible." He may be right.

It was good to hear from you

Sincerely

Roger

2245 Lanai Ave #115
San Jose, California 95122
December 1, 1979

Dear Roger,

Thank you very much for the info. There is really quite a bit more to it than I figured. For some unexplained reason I thought you might have all this typed and therefore be able to reproduce the material easily. I doubt if I will want any additional info, if so, it will be appreciated. Really appreciate your efforts.

I know you are compiling a C-C for the half cents. Do you have Breen's CC from his manuscript or is it updated version? If not, do you need or want it?

Nothing new out here in the way of coppers. I'll be in Florida the first couple weekends in January for their conventions. Hope to see you there. If you can't make them, well, later on ---?

Again, thanks, Roger. Best wishes for the holiday season.

Very sincerely,
Del Blank

12/15/73

Dear Ueb,

No I won't be at the South Florida Convention as you may know I become so busy from January 1 to April 30 I just have to turn Coins off. Now this is not to say if you come across a coin you request I will I would want that you don't send it, but for the most part I just don't have time.

This brings up the Ruby Sale. Do you execute bids such as Stechnon does? I can't possibly be there. My experience with mail bids recently has been that this 2nd Highest. Schulman had sale USCG 2 Enough to make me Org. anyway let me know if you do this.

The subject of the Half Cent CC is of course of great interest. Not only am I working on it but others are at it. What this buying to do is to form a Committee such as I outlined in my article. This of course brings up the subject of Breen's CC. I have never seen it Neither from his Manuscript nor an up dated one. I would like to See it but only as a Historical document as I am of the opinion that Walter ~~is~~ material is out of date. You apparently have seen his and how compared it to what I Published. Do you think this data would help in the CC? If so send it, but I do not Plan to use it Nor would I publish any thing from it unless Walter Consented to its use.

It is time you realize that I am not on Good terms with Walter and you know what I think of his Archives research. Therefore I question the Propriety of My even seeing anything of Walters Without her Consent.

This is all for Now and let me know about the Ruby Sale

Sincerely
Roger

December 19, 1973

Dear Roger,

Sorry I won't see you in Florida but then being a C.P.A. I can understand why you'll be so busy this time of year. Of course, if I run across anything in noteworthy half cents I'll let you know.

If you want any coins checked a bids executed for you in the Ruby sale, just let me know. No charge as I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

About the half cent cc. If you can send me a copy of your list with cc info and pedigrees I should be able to help you out. Not certain exactly what I can do but its possible I can get some important info from Breen's original cc which is to the top 6 or 7 varieties should be fairly up to date. This must, and I mean must, be held in the strictest confidence between you and me. Don't even tell your son. I could get my ass end in a sling if what I tell you ever got out.

Let me know what you want in the Ruby sale

Very sincerely,

Del Bland

1794

There has been another Sub Variety of the plate found. I was sworn to secrecy but I Noted that a Number of persons know about it. They all want to kid me about the fact I missed picking it up in a lot that was offered to me. Perhaps you know which Variety is Now known with both large + small edge letters other than #1 + #2

Conn #1a 5-9

①	BROBSTON – SHOWERS COL.	MS-60
	Kendman-Sale (1959)	MS-60
②	Hillyer Ryder – ?	AUNC-55
③	Merkin 3/69 Sale – ?	AUNC-50
④	Secret Collection seen 1/73	AUNC-50
⑤	E.F Specimens 40-45	
	① Showers Col (Inverted Reverse)	
	② Dupont – ?	
	③ RSC	
	④ Merkin 3/71 Sale – ?	
	⑤ Secret Collection Seen 6/73	
	⑥ N/A Collection	

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Cmm 1b G-9

1954 ANA Sale – WH Breen (many VF/F sharp) VF-20+
Breen's Coin Co. V.G.-7
Rated as FINE IN CATALOGUE
Alvord – ? (? Breen lists only 1)
all about Coin Not Featured in Catalogs have been moved up 1 beside this
→ VF-20

SHAPIRO – WK RAYMOND – A SON HANSON – RD MUNDE – RSC
Finest Known. E-6
→ F-12

ALVORD – ? G-5 MOTILATED – ~~AU-50~~ ~~VF-20~~ E-4 BY ME

These Were reported by AJ Hanson to RD Munde but the Grade was Not given and the only owner identified Was R. Henry. Norweb.

How many pieces – 5 or 7?

This is all I know about the Variety.

Cmm 2a 5-5

Kreisberg 5/66:1036
BROSTON – SHOWERS Col. MS-60
Chas Hopkins Univ. MS-60
Reported 10/73 By Collector MS-60
NEW NETHERLANDS 1ST SALE AUNC-50
WH BREEN } as per NewNetherlands AUNC-50
WOLFSON SALE } 6/28 Sale. EF-40
~~AUNC-50~~
RSC EF-40
HILYER RYDER – ? EF-40

I Currently Have the Wayne Sliks – AJH, – RDM Specimen which is listed as VF-30 and is Considered to be the finest known Without Die Cleash Marks on the obverse

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CMM # 2h. G-5

(1) SATORIS – DEL BLAND – WK RAYMOND — EF-45

(2) ALVORD – ? — F

R-Picker

(3) CJH – RDM – RSC — ONLY SPECIMEN KNOW WITH SLASHED OBVERSE — Good 6

(4) SQ WEST – WHB – CJH – RSC — Good-5

(5) (6) { Both of these were reported by BJ Hanson to Me When I Purchased (4) as usual No indication as to Owned them or the grade –

Now you know Why I used the Category UNKNOWN for My "Penny-Wise" article.

CMM #3 G-7

Parmelee Sale (1890) — MS-60

Mills Coll. — AU-55

(1) S. UNGAR — VF-25

Stickney Coll. — AU-50

(2) WILLIAMS SALE 1950 – ? — VF-20

Brem – Hanson — VF-20

(3) RSC — F-15

(4) ALVORD – ? — Grade from Photo. IS NOT #3 — F-15

(5) ANS — VG-8

(6) RSC – SECRET COLLECTION 10/72 — Good-6

(7) COGAN — Good-6

a 40 Coin may exist (not verified) owned by a Dr.

I have Records of only 15 Specimen of this Variety. Those Not listed are Good 5 or less.

The Showers Collection has a Coin which is Called a G-7 (My equivalent) but it is a G-4 (CMM #4)

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Cmn #4

5-4

Kreisberg + Schulman 4/59: 868

(1)	Alvord – Dupont – ?	MS-60
(2)	BROBSTON – $ Gardner – Alan Weinberg	UNC-Lo
(3)	WILLIAMS SALE 1950 – ?	UNC-Lo
(4)	N/A Collection	UNC-Lo
(5)	Hillyer Ryder – $ Bareford	EF-45 ~~AUNC-50~~
(6)	Merkin Sale 3/68 – ?	AUNC-50
(7)	EF Grades.	

(1) SHOWERS COL — NOT BULGED OR CLASHED
(2) SHOWERS COL
(3) BROBSTON – GARDNER – ?
(4) Harmer Rooke 11/69 Sale – ? — Probably RALPH PFAU REPURCHASED IT
(5) SECRET COLLECTION SEEN 6/73
(6) RSC

Cmn #5

6-9

(1)	MERKIN 3/68 SALE – ?	MS-60
(2)	H.P. Smith (1906) > SHOWERS COL.	AU-50 AUNC-50
(3)	ALVORD – ?	VF-35 ~~EF-40~~
(4)	RSC	VF-30
(5)	KATMAN	VF-30
(6)	Green – Hanson SECRET COLLECTION SEEN 6/73 — MAY BE BY-RYDER:265	VF-25
(7)	Brobston – ?	VF-20
	Davis sale	VF-20
	Dupont: 1035	VF-20

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CMM #6 G-6

(1)	DUPONT - SHOWERS COL	VF-20
(2)	BROBSTON - ?	VF-20
	Breen - Hanson	F-15
(3)	WILLIAMS SALE 1950 - ?	F-15
(4)	SECRET COLLECTION SEEN 6/73	F-12
(5)	RSC	F-12
(6)	ALVORD - ?	F-12
(7)	UG CONDITION	
	(1) DON FREDERICK - RSC - SECRET COLLECTION	
	(2) ALVORD - ?	
	(3) NEW NETHERLANDS 12/63 SALE - ?	

Of only three record of 21 of this Variety those Not listed are less than VG-8

CMM #7 G-2

(1)	SHOWERS COL Breen says VF-35	UNC-60
	Coin seen by Breen (50 but cyanided)	EF-40
(2)	RSC	EF-40
	Newell	VF-20
(3)	ALVORD - ?	VF-20
(4)	RSC - R. GROSS	F-15
(5)	GJH - P.H MUNSON - RSC - R CHATHAM - WRT SMITH - ?	F-12
(6)	GJH - RDM - RSC - SECRET COLLECTION	F-12
(7)	BROBSTON - KATMAN - RSC Breen says VF-25	F-12
	Breen - Hanson (pricing Dies)	VG-10

Of three record of 20 of this Variety

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NB 1973 The ANA Sale Coin of this Variety was a CMM #9

CMM #8 G-3

(1)	SHOWERS COL	EF-40 ~~AUNC-50~~
(2)	BROBSTON - ?	AUNC - 50
(3)	Breen - Hanson ALVORD - ?	EF - 45 EF - 40
(4)	ALVORD - ?	NF - 20
(5)	RSC	F - 15
(6)	BROBSTON - KATMAN	F - 15
(7)	RUBY	YOUR GRADE → F - 12

Whose records of 25 of this Variety all others are lower than F-12
Numbers Specimen Some de Broton Revere obv

CMM #9 G-1

(1)	ALTO SALE STACKS 8/70 — PURCHASED BY BREEN AS AGENT	UNC - 60
(2)	ALVORD - ?	UNC - 60
(3)	MERKIN SALE 3/68	UNC - 60
(4)	ANA 1973 SALE - ? JULIAN LIEDMAN HAD FOR SALE AFTER SALE DONT KNOW IF HE'S SOLD IT.	UNC - 60
(5)	DUPONT - ?	AUNC - 50
(6)	SECRET COLLECTION SEEN 1/73	AUNC - 50
(7)	BROBSTON - SHOWERS COL	EF - 40

This is all for Now, let me know what you think of this.

1793

The same General Note that was in the Large Cent CC should be made for this date. I.E. Many Specimens are off the market for a period of 20 Years or more while resting in type sets. ~~Where~~ If all Specimens were seen in all probability the CC would be limited to UNC Specimens. This is due to Sorting at the time of Mintage. I particularly think Half Cents were subject to this as you could get 2 Coins ~~in place of~~ for the Price of 1 large Cent. that is if you could get Half Cent.

CMN #1 G-4

1	ALVORD – DUPONT – BAREFORD	MS-65
2	ALTO COLLECTION STACKS 12/70 – ? BID IN AT 4500 BY BREEN AS AGENT	MS-60
3	REPORTED 10/73 BY COLLECTOR WHO WANTS SECRECY	MS-60
4	BROBSTON – TOLLETT SALE 4/71 – ?	AUNC-50
5	MERKIN SALE 3/68 – ? BROKEN REVERSE DIE	AU-50 AUNC-50
6	NEW NETHERLANDS 6/70 SALE – ?	EF-45
9	R.T. DAVIS – STACKS 2/68 – SHOWERS COL. * BROKEN REVERSE DIE	EF-45
8	HARFORD COIN CO 10/72 – R CROSS 3/73 – RSC	EF-45

* The Showers Collection was Sold intact to another Person in 1969 by Stacks. To date I have Not been able to find out who it is. I have had My Suspicions but ~~to~~ to date I DON'T KNOW

1793
CMN #1 (CONTINUED)

If you will Note there is a Coin Mission which appeared in Merkins 3/69 and 6/72 Sale. It was graded as AUNC. I bid it in at the last Named Sale. The Coin was described as having "Weak edge letters". Actualy the Coin has No edge letters other than TWO HUN. I then had the Coin Weighed and it is 89.1 Gr in place of 104 GR. I returned it to Merkin as I believe the Coin had been Mutilated by having Part of the edge ground away so that the design would be centered on the planchet. Many 1793's are off Center and ~~I think~~ I believe that this one had been Mutilated Many years ago. Both Sale Were Catalogued by Breen Where it was described as being Ex Bradston - RT Davis, but it is Not listed in either Catalogue. Thus you can see Why I do Not Necessary Trust Walter Breens Pedigrees. As a result of this incident I also question his grading at times.

This Variety is also known with 5 others that I have seen or reliably reported in Condition EF-40

1793 CMM #2 G-3

(1) Hillyer Ryder — ? MS-60

(2) California Collector who you know but this sworn to Secrecy. Since it was photographed in Coin News in 1962 this one you know who it is. MS-60

(3) Merkin 3/68 Sale — ? MS-60

(4) ~~Showers Col (May be #1)~~ ~~MS-60~~

(5) Brobston — ? AUNC-50

(6) N/A Collection - This is another Collection which this Sworn to utmost secrecy. and is latest as far as I know - formed in the 1950's Last Heard of in 2/73 AUNC-50

(7) C.S.H. - R.D. MUNDE - RSC EF-40

(8) T.J. CLARKE - WILLIAMS SALE IN 1950 — ? EF-40

1793 CMM #3 G-1

(1) N/A COLLECTION MS-65

(2) SHOWERS COL MS-60

(3) → BROBSTON (CLIPT PLANCHET) MS-60

SEEN IN COLLECTION

(4) 1/73 — SECRET OWNER MS-60

(5) ANOTHER SECRET COLLECTION MS-60

(6) MERKIN SALE 6/71 — ? AUNC-50

(7) SIX Specimens Known in EF-40 Condition

① HILLYER RYDER SALE - ?

② MILES SALE - ?

③ STACKS DEEP SALE 11/72 - ?

④ QUALITY SALES 11/72 - ?

⑤ ELIASBERG

⑥ COIN BEING OFFERED CURRENTLY BY STAN FORMAN MAY BE #3 OR #4 HE WASN'T SOLD IT AS OF NOVEMBER 1973

1793 Cmm # 4 G-2

(1)	BROBSTON - ?	MS-60
(2)	SHOWERS COL.	MS-60
(3)	T.J. CLARKE - WILLIAMS SALE 1950 - ?	MS-60
(4)	HILLYER RYDER - ?	AUNC-50
(5)	Secret Collector Seen 1/73	AUNC-50
(6)	✓ ✓ ✓ 4/73	AUNC-50
(7)	✓ ✓ ✓ 8/73	AUNC-50
(8)	RSC (DEFECTIVE PLANCHET)	AUNC-50
(9)	K.P. AUSTIN Seen 12/73	EF-45

This Variety is Not as Common in High Condition as it stated in My book. The main reason is the POOR quality Planchets Such as my Specimen Which Come from Stacks 2/72 Sale Whose seen quite a few with laminations.

12/23/73

Dear Hal,

OK Let's get started on C.C. Low Half Cents.

First thing for you to do is to read My introductory material that was in "Penny-wise." You probably will think "I know it", but Just the same Re read it!! Then look at the Chart I Prepared and read EARLY AMERICAN CENTS Pages 41 + 42. These are the Standards I used With the Exception of Basal State (1) and Very Fair (3)

Based on these Standards I have compiled over the years a Note Book from which I took My information. I have NOT Seen all the Specimens which were included. In Many Cases I Now Photographs (GLOSSY PRINTS) Such as the Bowers + Showers Collection (Courtesy of Norman Stack) In Some Cases the Coin Reported but Not Seen were from Sales Catalogues. For example despite What I think of Walter Breen's writing I usually believe his descriptions and grades of Coins. I Strongly object to his Rarity Ratings (They are too High) and I object to his interpretation of National Archives data. In addition to all this since the Publication of My book I have seen Many Specimens that have been shown Privately to Me Some with the request that I do Not disclose the owner to Anyone and Some without this request.

My basic position is to Make available all information I know on Half Cents, to Whoever is willing to listen Provided I do Not Violate a Personal Confedance. As you only too Well know this is a Very touchy subject. This is one reason I presented the CC in the form that I did in "Penny-Wise"

Another reason I left the CC in a "Loose Form" such as I did, has to do with the standards of grading used by the various people. Here are two examples which I think show either gross over grading or under grading.

For overgrading I will take Kagin on the 1796 Cent #1 which was in their January 1973 Sale and described as "Extremely Fine on a porous planchet" When I read this I just assumed it was probably had a sharpness of a VF-20 but its true grade was probably F-12. A short time later a man by the name of Hughes who Works for Western Numismatics Called Me and asked if I was interested in the Coin. He said he had it in front of Him. I asked what he graded it and he said No more than Fine. So it probably is overall a VG-10. Thus when I read Kagins Catalogues in search of CC items I have to down grade How much Varies with the Coin. The other problem is Cutting through the [illegible] that they

are so profuse with.

For undergrading. I will cite C. Jon Hanson. When he was shown Paul Munsons example of C.MM #1 of 1809. He graded it VF-25 for Paul. Paul had graded it as AU-50 but Cleaned. I now own the coin and I have graded it EF-40. It's pictured in My book. However when Hanson was selling Coin to Ray Munde The shoe was on the other foot. Along with Mundees Collection I got the envelopes from Hanson which had quite a bit of CC data. All of which I am sure came from Breen as I do Not think Hanson knows anything about Half Cents other than what he has been given by Breen. I might add that another Half Cent Collector who knows Hanson quite ~~well~~ Well concurs in the last statement of mine.

I am digressing some what but I want you to realize that My data is only Mine and it is Not the word of the deity. What I am going to send you IS ONLY MY INFORMATION. We have a long Way to go to get the Half Cent C.C to the present status of the large Cent C.C. One Very large hurdle is the fact that most Half Cent Collectors are so close mouthed. This was how it was on large Cents Prior to the Publication of Early American Cents. The formation of Early American

Coppers Club has gone a long way to get data out on Large cents. Half Cents are another story. At the present time I feel that Half Cents are 20 years behind large cents. The reason for the lag is the Non Publication of Breens book on Half Cents. I'm sure you realize that I investigated Why it hadn't Come out before I published my book. This Could be the subject of another 10 Pages but I'll get Writers Cramp. I'll tell you some time When you have a spare hour. At any rate Half Cent information has to Catch up. I firmly believe my book Combined With "Penny Wise" Will help close the 20 Year Gap.

Pedigrees of Half Cents are Very hard to re Construct. At the present time Millon Pfeffer is Working on them in the ANS library, and I've seen his Notes on 1793-1802. They Need a lot of Polishing but its a step in the Right direction and I'm doing all I Can to help him.

Perhaps the Committee that I refer to in my P.W. introduction Has is functioning Without any formal Meetings.

I hope you aren't tired of Reading all this but I want You to Realize What My objectives are, and Why I have done

Some of the things that I have done.

It seems to me that the place to start is with My listing in "Penny Wise". I will Not list any Varieties that were 7+ in MS, that is unless you want to know about them. The reason is simple for example 1800 Cmm #1, 1806 Cmm #4, 1828 Cmm #3, 1833 Cmm #1, 1835 Cmm #1, 1835 Cmm #2, 1851 Cmm #1, 1854 Cmm #1, 1855 Cmm #1 and 1857 Cmm #1 have be found in hoards of UNC therefore it is Not Necessary to list them. The difference between a 60 and a 70 Coin Can be Measured but if you Will Notice in Large Cents there have been Changes of Coins that Were rated as MS 70 to MS-65 and from MS-65 to MS-70. I believe that for the time being that the Picking out of the 70 Coins Can Wait.

Thus I will start With 1793 and Continue through 1794. When you get the Write Your Comments and I will then Comment on your Comments and send you 1795 + 1796. This will probably take some time to run all the Way through but I think it the best Policy to follow.

One thing I Notice is that Half Cent Collectors ~~Seem~~ seem to be more Concerned about the States than large Cent Collectors. Do you have any thoughts on the Matter?

Sincerely

1/7/74

Dear Mel,

Have gone over what you sent and am trying to fit in what you sent. There are obviously Places that will need clarification for both of us. I suggest that we go along on exchanging information and let us meet sometime after May First and make a day of it on Reading Quarters, going over my Collection which you will see has a number of CC items and I will also go over what data I have on the Non-Collection Brasen Book.

The Secret Collectors are somehow known to Me but if I have seen the Coin I will indicate it. When I have only had a Coin reported which is in a Secret Collection, I try to identify the location. When we get together to try to finalize Perhaps the owner will give his Permission as I am trying to get it from them

I got the Ruby Catalogue - Quite interesting I'll let you know which lots I want in a couple of weeks

I do Not have the Newman or Norweb Coins in My CC Records. I Presume you have them and as this CC is developed I assume you will indicate them.

Now to attempt to Clarify Some of 1793+1794 Variety 16 of 1794 I'm somewhat Confused, You have listed My specimen as the below I do know, but I'm enclosing a Copy of the envelope which Maude got

from Hanson Wholt has some interesty Comment. Allowed Appears to have had 2 Specimens. Therefore Copy of the Pages for Catalogues. We have some research to do on this Variety.

1794 Omm #7

I don't recall the difference on the Showers Coin as I have only seen a photo. The Coin looks to me like a full UNC-60 with some mint red.

The "Solid appointed" Coin Reported by Breen, has been mentioned to me, but I have Not Carried it. I do Not think it is the same as Mine. I got Mine from the June 1970 Steele Sale. This was listed as a G-2 of 1794 The Coin was Carried as Consignment "H" and I don't know Whose they Were. But I believe that they had belonged to the Person Who Purchased the Showers Collection. What he was selling was his Prior Collection if I am right on this Assumption.

IT IS PLATED IN MY BOOK

As for as the Bradston - Kalmar Specimen is Concerned I no Evidence a Pressing of it. Actually I had graded it F-15 it a even Chocolate Color The Coin which is listed as RSC - R GROSS F-15 should be F-12 and is shown is Plated in my book for Variety #8

The Breen - Hanson Specimen is Probably the one that I show as CJH - RDM - RSC - R FETTEROLF - F-12 I no Evidence a Copy of the Envelope from Mandeis Collection. CJH Some Makes a Solo Patch on these

Now I'll start on the 1795's

CMM #1

(1)	N/A COLLECTION	MS-65
(2)	MILES SALE - ?	UNC-60
(3)	ALVORD - ?	UNC-60
(4)	SHOWERS	UNC-60
(5)	WILLIAMS SALE - ?	UNC-60
(6)	NN Sale 6/70 - MORRISON 6/71 - ?	AUNC 50
(7)	BROBSTON - STACKS 3/73 Sale - ?	AUNC-50
(8)	K.P AUSTIN	AUNC-50

The 7th Specimen is not the Brobston - PICKER Specimen that was lost in the Burglary.

I have Records of 7 more Specimens in Condition VF-35 to EF-45

I have mentioned at various times the light Weight Specimen that was in the Brobston Collection, I own it Now. It Weighs 77.46 GR Despite Hansons claim that it's a Sub Variety, I don't agree. I believe it's an example of Nat'l Careless Work. As I have A Heavy ~~another~~ Specimen which weighs 118.76 GR Perhaps when CTH + WHB finish I own the light Weight Brobston Specimen they will agree it's Not a Sub Variety.

CMM #2a

(1)	Brabston ?		UNC-60
(2)	Alvord - ?		UNC-60
(3)	Alvord - ?		UNC-60
(4)	Mirchin 3/69 - ?		UNC-60
(5)	J Cohen 1/72 Sale -	R JETTON HURST	AU-55
(6)	Schowers		EF-40
(7)	1971 ANA CONVENTION - RSC	(OBVERSE ONLY)	VF-35
(8)	KP AUSTIN		VF-35

CMM #2b

(1)	Alvord - Heritage Ryder - ?		MS-60
(2)	Nail - Brown - ?		AUNC-50
(3)	BRABSTON - KATHAN		F-15
(4)	WARFIELD - ?		F-15
(5)	WEBER	(DOUBLE STRUCK)	F-12
(6)	WARFIELD - ?		F-12
(7)	EATON - DUPONT - ?		F-12
(8)	SHOWERS		VG-7
(9)	SCHONWALTER		VG - ?
(10)	MOUSON - RSC	(DAMAGED)	FAIR-3

These listed all that I have of.

Comm #3

(1)	Dupont - Brookstone - Showers	AUNC-50
(2)	N/A Collection	AUNC-50
(3)	MERKIN 3/68 Sale - ?	VF-20
(4)	UNATTRIBUTED - RSC (Blazed OBV & REV.)	F-15
(5)	KAUFMAN - RSC	VG-10
(6)	WKR - GSH - DON FREDERICK - SAM UNGAR	VG-10
(7)	ELDER - SEITZ - RUBY	VG-10
(8) (9)	1966 AND - WKR - GSH - RDM - RSC - RT	VG-8
(9) (10)	WEBER	VG-8
(10) (16)	CARTTON - RSC	VG-7
(11) (11)	MONSON - RSC - R CHATHAM - WRT SMITH (OFFERENCE + IMMAGLIO)	~~VG-6~~ 6-6
(12)	Malcom 9/68 Sale. Brutale PICKERS	6-6
(13)	ALVORD - ?	6-4
(14)	WKR - RSC - R CROSS	6-4

The collection there 3 other reported With NO Condition - NEWMAN, WILLIAMS SALE, HUGH CAMPBELL Perhaps you Can Fill Me in.

When I Have viewed all the Many. And there we have handled 5 Examples I Wonder Why Breen Says the Variety is R-7. He did this in the Ruby Sale He Sure owes Nate Naivity So as to get Higher Prices. Further More he Won't listen!

CMM #4

(1)	Showers		MS-60
(2)	BRABSTON - ?	(CLIPT PLANCHET)	UNC-60
(3)	BRABSTON - MILES SALE - ?		UNC-60
(4)	MERKIN 3/69 Sale - ?		AUNC-50
(5)	HANK RODGERS - M FOLLETT - ?		AUNC-50
(6)	RS COHEN		EF-45
(7)	KALIN SALE 9/72 - ?		EF

1795 CMM #5a

(1)	Williams Sale - ?		MS-60
(2)	Showers		AUNC-50
(3)	Stacks Sale 12/70 - ?		AUNC-50
(4)	ALVORD - ?		AUNC-50
(5)	BRABSTON - RSC	PLATED REV	EF-40
(6)	BT		EF-40
(7)	Hoosier Rock 11/69 Sale		VF-35
(8)	KP RUSTIN - RSC		VF-35

Both of these varieties as well as CMM #5b are Hard R grade due to the die failure on both the obverse + Reverse. Here on the Wilds specimen on Grounding. The 3rd Specimen of CMM #5a has another break on it ~~which~~ which has been mentioned before. The break occurs on all my CMM #5b's

1795 Cmm # 5R.

(1)	Halligan Rissler - ?	AUNC-50
(2)	Brockston - Leland Rogers.	AUNC-50
(3)	Mile Sale 3/69 - ?	EF-40
(4)	J Cohen 11/72 Sale - RT	VF-35
(5)	Wisher	VF-30
(6)	S. Bowers	VF-25
(7)	UNCERT	VF-20
(8)	ALVORD - ?	VF-20
(9)	KS AUSTIN	VF-20

This Quite Variety is seen quite often in low grade to such an extent that of Quality MS R-5 rarity Rating

1795 Cmm # 6A

(1)	N/A COLLECTION	MS-70
(2)	S. Bowers	~~AUNC~~ UNC-60
(3)	ALVORD - DUPONT - ?	UNC-60
(4)	RALPH PFALL	UNC-60
(5) (X)	WKR - ?	AUNC-55
(6) (X)	STICKNEYS	AUNC-50
(7) (X)	DUPONT - ?	AUNC-50

I Could list more in ~~EF~~ AU ~~list~~ of these Records of over 5 in this Condition. I currently own the Brockston specimen which was ~~list~~ listed finish among his Specimens.

1795 Cmm #6B

(1)	UNATTRIBUTED - RSC	(PLATED COIN - REV)	VF-25
(2)	WEBER		VF-25
(3)	UNATTRIBUTED - RSC		F-12
(4)	Reported By CJH - Various times		VG-10
(5)	CJH - ROM - RSC		VG-8
(6)	HK 9/72 Sale - RSC		VG-8
(7)	CJH - RSC		G-7
(8)	WKR - CJH - RSC		G-5
(9)	Reported By Jack Beguen 12/73		G-4
(10)	C WRUBEL - R.T.		FR-3

Looks like the Hoarding the Variety it seems that there is another one. See Ruby Sale Lot 199. Breen seems to have carried his lumping of any coin to great length in describing this lot. I should be able to Pick up a bargain

1796 Cmm #1

(1)	SHOWERS		UNC-65
(2)	BRAND - DUPONT - ?		UNC-60
(3)	ELLIASBERG		UNC-60
(4)	Mehlin 3/69 Sale - PARTRICK		VF-30
(5)	Hodges Reseler - ?		F-15
(6)	Robertson - ?		F-12
(7)	CJH - ROM - RSC		VG-8
(8)	KINGMAN - MILES - FONN	(PLATED COIN)	G-6

From records of 15 Specimens so als an R-6 Not R-7 as Breen says.

1796 EMM #2

(1) DUPONT - ? — MS-65

(2) BRAND - NEW NETHERLANDS - PARTNERS — MS-60

(3) [illegible] — [illegible]-60

(4) MILES SALE 3/69 - FENN — UNC-60

(5) HILLYER RYDER - ? — UNC-60

(6) NEWCOMBER - HR 11/77 Sale — AUNC-55

(7) SHOWERS - COIN WORLD — AUNC-50

(8) AMARIS 8/15/73 — EF-40

As you can see there are a number in High Grade. I have seen quite a few in lower grades & think the Variety is in the lower range (60-75) of R-5

That's all for Now Next Chapter Will be on 1797 - 1802. Let me have your Comments on 1795 & 1796

Am I Correct in assuming that I have far more information on Half Cents than you had been led to believe?

Sincerely,
Roger

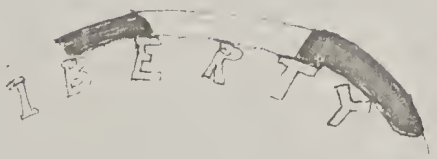
2245 Fanoi Ave #115
San Jose, California 95122
January 21, 1974

Dear Roger,

Just returned from the East. Not much in half cents showed up except the enclosed coin & thought you might like - price $175.-. Did you see Bateheldor's ad for the 1802 G-2? Did you ever see the coin? where did it come from, who bought it, what was actual grade? Bob Emmer said he got an 1802 G-2 from a dealer (Faust) in York, Pa. but had already sold it the coin graded around 5 hmm- anything about this one?

Received your letter and will get busy in a day or so. Send me your Liby wants. Gotta hurry as I have a ton of work to do Please excuse this hurried letter

Very Sincerely,
Del



B E R

Now I'll start on the 1795's

COINS PLATED IN MY BOOK ARE INDICATED IN RED

CMM #1

(1)	N/A COLLECTION	MS-65
(2)	MILES SALE - ?	UNC-60
(3)	ALVORD - ?	UNC-60
(4)	SHOWERS	UNC-60
(5)	WILLIAMS SALE - ?	UNC-60
(6)	NN Sale 6/70 - MERRIN 6/71 - ?	AUNC-50
(7)	BROBSTON - STACKS 3/73 Sale - ?	AUNC-50
(8)	K.P. AUSTIN	AUNC-50

The 7th Specimen is not the Brobston - BICKER Specimen that was lost in the Burglary.

I have records of 7 more specimens in Condition VF-35 to EF-45

I have Mentioned at various times the light Weight Specimen that was in the Brobston Collection, I own it Now. It Weighs 77.46 GR Despite Hansons ~~other~~ data that it a Sub Variety, I do not agree. I believe it an example of Not to Careful Work. as I have ~~another~~ A Heavy specimen Which Weighs 118.76 GR. Perhaps When CSH + WHB Sheldon I own the heavy Weight Brobston specimen they Will agree its Not a Sub Variety.

CMM #2a

(1)	Brobston ?		UNC-60
(2)	aboard - ?		UNC-60
(3)	aboard - ?		UNC-60
(4)	Moelein 3/69 - ?		UNC-60
(5)	J Cohen 1/72 sale -	R JETTON MORST	AU-55
(6)	Showers.		EF-40
(7)	1971 ANA CONVENTION - RSC	(OBVERSE ONLY)	UF-35
(8)	K P AUSTIN		VF-35

CMM #2b

(1)	aboard - Hellyer Ryder - ?		MS-60
(2)	Neil - Breen - ? with flan clip from N.Y. Expo to not ab		AUNC-50
(3)	BROBSTON - KATMAN		F-15
(4)	WARFIELD - ?		VG-10 ~~F-15~~
(5)	WEBER	(DOUBLE STRUCK)	F-12
(6)	WARFIELD - ?		F-12
(7)	EATON - DuPont - ?		VG-10 ~~F-12~~
(8)	SHOWERS		VG-7
(9)	~~1969~~ SCHENWALTER		VG-7 ~~VG~~ ?
(10)	MONSON - RSC	(DAMAGED)	FAIR-3
(11)	Breen - ?		V.G.-10

(12) proof slab-type struck at 1956 ANA Convention

Nine listed all that I known of.

(5)

G-7 Coin #3

(1)	Dupont – Brobston – Showers	~~VF-35~~ AUNC-50
(2)	N/A Collection	AUNC-50
	Eric Newman coll	VF-25
(3)	Merkin 3/68 Sale – ?	VF-20
(4)	UNATTRIBUTED – RSC (PLATED OBV REV)	F-15
	Breen – Hanson	F12
(5)	Kaltman	VG-10
	Newman	VG-10
(6)	WKR – CSH – FREDERICK – DON SAM UNGAR	VG-10
(7)	H.N. 6/53: – Brain	
	ELDER – SEITZ – RUBY	VG-10
(8) (9)	1946 AMN – WKR – CSH – RDM – RSC – RT	VG-8
	WEBER	VG-8
(8) (10)	McPherson sale (as G-4) – Schonwalter	VG-7
	CRITTON – RSC	VG-7
(8) (11)	MUNSON – RSC – CHATHAM R – WRT SMITH (OFF CENTER + DAMAGED) ~~VG-6~~	G-6
(12)	Merkin 9/68 Sale. – Brobston PICKERS	G-6
(13)	ALVORD 54 – ? Dr. D.W. Valentine Sale (Elder 13/27; 446 as fair, 2 known – Williams sale (HN)	G-4
	Imperial Coin Co. auction 2/53	G-5
(14)	WKR – RSC – R CROSS	G-4

The addition I have 3 others reported with NO Condition – ~~NEWMAN~~ negative, ~~WILLIAMS SALE~~ see above, (not certain he owns one-will check) HUGH CAMPBELL

Perhaps you can fill me in.

When I have record of the Many and I have or have handled 5 examples I wonder Why Breen says the Variety is R-7. He did this in the Ruby Sale He sure over rates Rarity so as to get Higher Prices. Further More he Won't listen!

I have two listings here as follows:

① Hazeltine sale 6/1880: 846 – Brobston VF-35

② Dupont VF-25

CMM #4

(1)	Showers		MS-60
(2)	BROBSTON - ?	(CLIPT PLANCHET)	UNC-60
(3)	BROBSTON - MILES SALE - ?		UNC-60
(4)	MERKIN 3/69 Sale - ?		AUNC-50
(5)	HANK RODGERS - M FOLLETT - ?		AUNC-50
(6)	R.S. COHEN		EF-45
(7)	KAGIN SALE 9/72 - ?		EF
	Ryder: 2.71		EF-40

1795 CMM #5a

(1)	Williams Sale - ?			MS-60
(2)	Showers			AUNC-50
(3)	Stacks Sale 12/70 - ?			AUNC-50
(4)	ALVORD - ?			AUNC-50
(5)	BROBSTON - RSC	PLATED	OBV + REV	EF-40
(6)	BT			EF-40
(7)	Hamer Rook "/69 Sale			VF-35
(8)	KP ROSTIN - RSC			VF-35

Both of these varieties as well as CMM #5b are Hard to grade due to the die failure on both the obverse + Reverse. There can be Wide openings on grading. The 8th Specimen of CMM #5a has another break on it that I Never Seen Mentioned before. This break occurs on all My CMM #5a's

1795 Cmm # 5b.

	Elisberg → AU-50	→ EF-40
(1)	Hallgen Rissler – 5	~~AUNC-50~~
	Zabriskie → AU-50	EF-45
(2)	Brobston – Colonel Rogers.	~~AUNC-50~~
(3)	Miles Sale 3/69 – ?	EF-40
(4)	J Cohen 11/72 Sale – RT	VF-35
(5)	Weber	VF-30
	Green — Hancon	VF-25 (F-20)
(6)	Showers	VF-25
(7)	UNGAR	VF-20
(8)	ALVORD – ?	VF-20
(9)	K.S AUSTIN	VF-20

This Quick Variety is seen quite often in low grade to such an extent that if Question M# R-5 rarity Rating

1795 Cmm # 6a

(1)	N/A COLLECTION	MS-70
(2)	Showers.	~~AUNC~~ UNC-60
(3)	ALVORD – DUPONT – ?	UNC-60
(4)	RALPH PFAU	UNC-60
(5)	WKR – ?	AUNC-55
(6)	SHOWERS	AUNC-50
(7)	DUPONT – ?	AUNC-50

I Cannot list more in EF ~~But~~ as I have records of over 8 in this Condition. I currently own the Brobston Specimen which was ~~first~~ listed first among his Specimens.

1795 Cmm #6B

(1)	UNATTRIBUTED – RSC	(PLATED OBV + REV)	VF-25
(2)	WEBER		VF-25
(3)	UNATTRIBUTED – RSC		F-12
(4)	Reported By CJH - Various Times		VG-10
(5)	CJH – ROM – RSC		VG-8
(6)	HK 9/72 Sale – RSC		VG-8
(7)	CJH – RSC		G-7
(8)	WKR – CJH – RSC		G-5
(9)	Reported By Jack Beyner 12/73		G-4
(10)	G WRUBEL – R. T.		FR-3

Looks like the Hoarding this Variety. It seems that there is another one. See Rudy Dale list 199. Breen seems to have carried his lignoring of My book to great length in describing this list. I should be able to pick up a bargain

1796 Cmm #1

(1)	SHOWERS		UNC – 65 60
(2)	BRAND – DUPONT – ?		~~UNC – 60~~ AU-55
(3)	ELLIASBERG		UNC – ~~60~~ 65
(4)	Merkin 3/69 Sale – PARTRICK		VF – ~~20~~ 25
(5)	Hellyer Ryeder – ? midwest collection		F-15
(6)	Brobston – ?		F-12 VG-10?
(7)	CJH – ROM – RSC		VG-8
(8)	KINGMAN – MILES – FENN	(PLATED OBV + REV)	G – G VG-10?

?/home records of 15 Specimens so its an R-6 Nat R-7 as Breens says.

(9)

1796 CMM #2

Reported in the Jewish Chronicle MS-60

(1) DUPONT - $ MS-65

(2) BRAND - NEW NETHERLANDS - PARTRICK MS-65

(3) BROBSTON - JAY - AU-55 ~~UNC~~ 60

(4) MILES SALE 3/69 - FENN (PLATED OBV+REV) UNC-60

(5) HILLYER RYDER - ? W. Raymond - No Credit QUNC-60

(6) Bookman → MS-60

NEW COMBER - HIR 11/77 Sale → MS-60 ~~AUNC-55~~

(7) SHOWERS COIN WORLD MS-60 ~~AUNC-50~~

(8) AMARK 8/15/73 EF-40

H.W. Jaffe estate at ... in England 1956 AU-55

Cyrus Reed coin - Omaha City ... EF-40

W.B. Jay sale (Chapman 11/1918) ... Cents EF-40

As you can see there are a number in High Grade. I have seen quite a few in lower grades I believe the Variety is he in the lower range (60-75) of R-5

Jonn Thorn (AU-50 but little ... age damage) EF-40

That is all for Now Next Chapter Will be on 1797 - 1803. Let me have your Comments on 1795 + 1796.

Am I Correct in assuming that I have been more interested on Half Cents than you had been led to believe?

Sincerely,

Roger

BLAND

2245 Lanai Ave. #115
San Jose, California 95122
January 25, 1974

Dear Roger,

Enclosed is the CC info I have. Did you see the 1802 G-2 that Batchelder advertised as F/VF in the Coin World"? Do you know who bought it?

I have done no checking on the info I'm sending you. This will come later as I hope to be able to view the half cents in various collections. Sometime this year we can get together, as you suggested, and go over what we have.

About the 1794 "16 all I can figure is that your coin, ex E. Shapiro, is not as good as the 1954 ANA example. I have seen neither piece. Grading opinions as we both well know vary. Then again your example may be superior to the ANA piece. Maybe VG-8 is to low a grade for that coin but that's what Breen listed it at.

On 1794 "7 I have made changes on the Ketcham coin to F-15 and on the R. Brown coin to F-12. Hanson is full of G---S--- when he's selling. You should hear one of his sales pitches. The Stowers coin, well that will have to be verified later. I don't know whether or not Breen ever saw the coin but I hate to change his grading. He makes mistakes but I feel it's not a good idea to dismiss his judgments without definite reason.

Who is the N/A collection? What do you think of Pfeffer's pedigree in Pennywise? Can we incorporate it accurately

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in the cc?

We have another rather serious discrepancy in 1795 # 3. Can you clear it up?

The information on half cent cc's is reasonably complete and fairly thorough. But I'm not surprised with the amount that you have. Really I wasn't certain what you were going to send to me. Breen's cc is far less complete than yours as to individual pedigrees. All I have on some of his listed varieties is something like 70-65-60-55-40-35, the top graded 6 varieties. But then there is some old pedigree info that will help us out, info that I'll give you at our meeting, hopefully later this year.

One more question, can I give this cc info to Weber?

Very sincerely,
Del Bland

15924 Spring Tree Lane
Bothell, Washington 98011
February 24, 1981

Dear Roger,

I'm back to my cutting and pasting project and deep into pedigrees of half cents and large cents. Recently in my work I ran into the 1804 C-11 (G-1) in a Stack's sale of Jan. 31 - Feb. 1+2, 1974 in which the C-11 was sold as lot 1047. This is the same coin plated in your book. What I want to know is who owned the coin. This will give me the pedigree on those coins, I expect it will anyway.

Do you know a James Manning? His name keeps popping up but I can't definitely tie him to any early copper.

Thanks for any help you can furnish.

You going to EAC in Dallas?

Note the new address. My wife wanted to live in this area, 20 miles north of Seattle, for a while. Relatives, you know. So we're here in the rain and cold.

Best

Ed

New address → 4701 SANGAMORE RD.
BETHESDA MD. 20816

4/24/81

Dear Hal,

Now that April 15th is gone I will answer your letter of 2/24/81 -

The 1804 cmin #11 (C-1) in the Stack 1/31-2/1-2/74 Sale that was the plate coin for the book is known in ownership to me as follows.

Rowls 6/70 Stack Sale - RSC - to B Tollenbrunt 10/72 - to Stack Sale mentioned - ? since then as far as I know.

I do not know a James Manning nor have I ever heard of him.

I will be at Dallas. So will see you then.

Sincerely
Roger

10-10-81

Roger,

Nice seeing you in Long Beach.

Enclosed are half cents and their grades of important pieces. All of these I have reviewed so the grades are accurate.

Anxious to see your new book.

Best,

Dick

10/14/81

Hal Bland
15924 Spruce Tree Lane
Bothell Wash 98011

Dear Hal,

Your list arrived and I spent the next two hours going over it. I just shut the door to My office and the World at accurately Can Go to Hell.

As you may know I have kept rather extensive records after the last nineteen years. so I really enjoyed going over your list. I am returning it to you with a few Comments. I have Made a Copy for My Self. Those Coins Preceded by a ✓ I had record of. Those Marked NOW I had no record of. I have filled in a little more info for you such as where some specimen have gone plus a few questions Now as to specific Coins

The 1831 you listed for Gene Braig used to be Mine I purchased it at a Stacks Sale in 3/72 I sold it to a dealer who sold it to a Collector named WARD who lived in West VA. This same dealer got it back and sold it to Leedman — I have had extensive Correspondence with Braig about these Coins as well as other 1831 Originals. I have detailed Descriptions of 13 Specimens Now.

I believe the 1794 6-9 SEL is now in the possession of Steve Land. I now have a record of 12 specimens with no repeats

I dont know whether you or Jon Hanson is right about Tel' 1794 6-7 but I am much more inclined to believe you. I doubt Hanson bothered to look at the plates before forming his opinion. The coin is spectacular! The next one on the CC is a 20 or 25. Brokstors was very good and the coin in the Showers Collection called a 6-7 was in fact a 6-4 I have this coin now in my collection

The 1794 6-4 SEL in Condition 15 is one of my favorite stories. I had been offered the date set which contained the coin. The set was here in Washington with the dealer who sold the set to Goldman. I went by his shop specifically to see the 1794. I took it out of the holder. I looked at it under a glass. I DIDN'T CHECK THE EDGE. I passed on the coin since I had it in better condition WKR called me about an hour after he got home and we put the story together. I cover this story in my book which is in process.

I also have another sad tale somewhat similar about the VF-1808 not in hollow but I save this for another time.

You might Note that I Now own the other 1794 6-4 LEL

The 1795 6-8 in 20 which you say is Katman - I've Never seen it Nor has he ever Mentioned it. I do know that TOM Purchased a 1794 6-8 from Home of Stuart I was with him when he bought it. Are You Sure of the 1795 Date?

You might Make Further Note about some of the other specimen I've Pelled in Note on Some.

I really appreciate You sharing this Information With Me. I May have thanked You in the Past for your list of the Ruby Coins as Well as the Bowers Collection if Not Many thanks. I certainly believe You desire to have Half Cent data available.

I've thought a good bit since Long Beach and I wonder how Much Breen and Company really know about Half Cents. I know My Rarity ratings Will be Lower than theirs I also think My Condition Census Will be Higher. In all Cases I have seen the Coins as had them reported to Me by Persons Such as Yourself. I also think Walter and Company are being a little Unprincipled at how much is known by Present Half Cent Collectors

Certainly in the last 10 years far more data has been made available than in the previous 20 years which was part of like a dark age when only a limited amount of information came from MT Olympus. Enough of that. The book should be in my hands by the end of December.

Thanks again for the data

Roger

✓ 1794 G-7 25 George Szybrier – Jack Beymer – Bill Weber

✓ 1808 G-2 55 Ira Krause 7/81 – Jack Beymer

✓ – 1831 G-1 Original 30 Julian Leidman – Ricky Gross (thru Jon McGuigan – Gene Braig

✓ 1794 G-9 small edge letters 12 1977 ANA; 140 – Ricky Gross – Bill K., Bill Weber

✓ 1794 G-9 small edge letters 3 Johannes Pessel – Delaware Valley C.S. Ricky Gross – Bill Raymond – BILLANCIA – ? LUND

✓ 1794 G-5 large edge letters 4 Ricky Gross – Bill Raymond – BOB YUELL

✓ G-5 " " " 45 Santore – Del Bland – Bill Raymond – H

✓ 1794 G-8 " " " 35 B+R, Inc. – Raymond – Weber

✓ 1794 G-8 small edge letters 65 – profile Steve Orzy, Inc. – Numismatic International – Alan Herriman – Was at Ex Maben 3/68 ?

✓ 1794 G-8 small edge letters 50 Gross – Mehl 3/47: 272 – Lyn Knight Fred Sweeney – Ed Hippie – I had graded it 40

✓ 1794 G-6 large edge letters 12 Bressdell – Bland – Raymond – (Ex Lahaman)

✓ 1794 G-6 small edge letters 8 Alvord: 28 – Hyl Campbell – Bland –

✓ 1794 G-7 large edge letters 12 Dannie Steinmetz – Ricky Gross also Jim Koenings has a 4 coin

✓ 1794 G-7 small edge letters Despite Jon Hanson's denial, the Parmelee: 696 – Mills: 1401 – Sheldney: 1671 – R.T. Grove – Superior 6/81: 2 – Jet. is the same coins & called it MS-60

✓ 1794 G-4 large edge letters 15 Ken Goldman – Raymond – Weber

✓ G-4 " " " 10 Superior 6/75: 524 as "G-1" – Doug Rob. Inc. – Beymer – Raymond – RSC

✓ 1794 G-2 65 from Europe – Numismatica, Ltd. – Jet

✓ 1794 G-3 20 Beymer – John Bergman – Weber

NEW

✓ 1795 G-3 the Brabston coin is AU-50

G-3 45 from England – Empire Coin Co. – Alan Weinberg – Bl Dave Stagg III – Beymer – Wayne Thomas

/ G-3 40 Dupont: 1044 – Bluedell – Raymond – Jim Mack.

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? 1795 G-8 plain edge 20 House of Stewart – Kaltman
✓ G-8 " " 12 Neil – Brobston SQ WEST Edelman – Kaltman
NEW 1795 G-7 15 Ralph Pfau
✓ G-7 10 Beyner – Kaltman
✓ G-7 10 Ruby: 182 – Jet – Rick Bilancia – ? LOWD
✓ G-7 20 Merkin 3/68: 102 – Hanson – Jet – Weber
✓ 1795 G-4 45 Hanson
NEW 1795 G-6 thin plan 45 Ralph Pfau
✓ 1795 G-6 thick plan 65 Ken Goldman 8/76 { over 1795 S-76
✓ G-6 " " 40 Brobston – Selan Rogers
✓ 1797 G-4 65 Batchelder – RT
✓ G-4 55 Elder (1936) – ? – Stack's: 1384 – Bluedell – Bland – Rogers ✓
✓ 1797 G-3 40 Weber My record shows NW with a 60!
✓ 1802 G-1 20 Dupont: 1067 – Bluedell – Bland – Raymond – RT
NEW 1803 G-2 55 J.J. Teaparty 5/78
✓ G-2 55 Selan Rogers Probably Ex Merkin 3/68
NEW 1803 G-4 30 1977 ANA house – Beyner – Gross
NO Record 1803 G-1 35 RARCOA 1/78: 3 as "Unc"
✓ G-1 35 Essex Inst. – Stack's 7/75: 82 – Jet
NEW 1803 G-3 60+ M.T.B. – Bland
NEW G-3 60 RARCOA 3/77
✓ G-3 60 Brobston
✓ G-3 65– Stack's sale – Raymond
✓ 1804 dr. G-10 rev. G-6 12 Miller's mint – Raymond – Jet – Weber
✓ 1804 G-10 20 Ken Pines – McGurgan
✓ 1804 G-11 45+ Raymond – RSC
✓ G-11 35 W.W. Neil: 2226 – Bluedell – Bland – Raymond RSC
✓ 1804 G-9 35 B+R, Inc. 9/76 – Raymond – Weber
✓ G-9 30 B+R, Inc. 7/78: 36 – Weber
NEW 1804 G-7 65– Holmes: 1300
NEW G-7 65– Hugh Campbell – Bland – Raymond
NEW 1804 G-5 65– Joe Kuehnert 8/76
✓ 60+ Merkin at 1975 ANA

✓ 1804 G-5 60 Stacks sale 6/75 as "AU" – Raymond

No Record 1805 G-1 60+ Stacks auction (1975) – mention at 1975 ANA – Halpern

✓ 1805 G-4 35 S.J. Bauer – Ruby: 240 – Jst

✓ G-4 30 from a Cleveland, Ohio coin show, circa 1965 – Adam Wein
Bland – Weber

✓ 1805 G-3 20 Blaisdell – Bland – Raymond – Weber (Gilbert Mint)

✓ G-3 25 Hans Schulman sale 12/73 – Raymond

✓ 1805 G-2 60 Delaware Valley S. + C. 5/79 – Bland – Weber

✓ 1806 G-2 50 Wenzel: 1025 – Brobston – Helfenstein: 120 – Harold Kita

✓ G-2 55 Sartorio – Bland – Raymond – Weber

✓ G-2 40 Dupont: 1090 – Jad: 837 – Ron Cooper – DNB – Carmel –
DNB – Ewing – EAC 3/80: 74 – Montgomery

✓ 1806 Not in G 8 McGuigan

✓ " " " 4 "

✓ " " " 8 Empire Coin Co. 9/c – Blaisdell – Bland – Raymond – Weber

✓ 1808 G-2 60+ Blaisdell – DNB – Raymond – Jst

✓ G-2 55 Essex Inst. – Stacks 7/75: 96 – RARCOA 3/77

✓ G-2 60 Merkin 3/78: 124 Ex Brobston

NEW G-2 55 J.J. Teaparty 8/77

✓ 1809 G-1 60+ Blaisdell – DNB – Raymond – Bowers

✓ 1809 Not in G 25 Dale Venable 5/78 – DNB – Bowers

✓ " " " 8 McGuigan

? 1809 G-3 Mass. Historical Society – Stacks 5/11: 10 – Raymond

✓ 1811 G-2 with 4 star break 50 Bobé Coins (Minnesota) – Raymond – Bla

✓ 1828 G-2 65– S.J. Kabealo 5/53: 554 – Lehman – Kosoff 2/63: 117 – H
Bland – Raymond – Bowers

✓ 1828 G-3 65 Blaisdell – Bland – Raymond – Bowers

10-19-81

Dear Roger,

Glad my notes were of some assistance. Wish some parties would send me notes like those on large cents. Sure would help my work. Thanks for your notes which I've added to my records.

About my note on the 1795 G-8 VF-20 that Jim Ratman bought from the House of Stuart. I saw the coin and have it listed as such. But check this out, please. I could have meant 1794 instead of 1795. Let me know what he really owns. NO is a 94 Per TK

I'm certain Breen knows all about half cents and Hanson must know a lot, Jack Collins nothing. But so much of Breen's information is technical like 1797 half cents being struck in 1799, etc. What needs to be put in a book certainly can be done as well by you as Walter.

Hope your book is out by December. It's very important to publish before Breen but don't rush so as to leave important facts out. And I do agree that your CC should be more accurate unless Walter and company spend time viewing all the half cents you have.

Answers to questions:

1794 G-8 MS-65- the Alan Harriman coin probably is ex. Merkin 3/68 but I didn't write a description of Alan's coin. In the CC I'd only list 1 example.

1794 G-8 the Gerus-Mehl 7/47:272---- Ed Hyppa coin was sold as Uncl. I saw it and said AU-50. Did you actually get a peak at it?

1794 G-6 you said ex. Lohrman. The only 1794 in the Lohrman sale was attributed as G-7 but Blaisdell did buy it and he has a note in his catalog that the coin had large edge letters. Was it G-6? On the Blaisdell inventory I show it as G-7 but never checked it out as I sold the half cents in toto to Bill Raymond. Let me know on this.

1795 G-8 12 Neil-Brobston -- here you put in SQ WEST What does that mean?

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1797 G-3 the Weber coin I called 40. Bill thought it was a better grade too. There is some minute porosity throughout right half of obv. Should be checked again.

1803 G-2 55 Selen Rogers. Very well could be ex. Marbin 3/68 as Selen bought from Peters sales.

1809 G-3 repeat as I left out the grade:
55 Appleton – Mass. Historical Society – Stacks 5/71:10 – WKR

I'll try and find out what Steve Lund has.
all for now.

Best Regards,
Del

10/28/87

CC Sheldon
1602
Cheyney

Dear Del,

Just spoke to Tom Kalman the VF 6-8 Half Cent he has is Dated 1794 Not 1795 as Was on your list.

The 1794 6-8 Beis-Hohl 2/47 Coin was graded by Me at the 1974 ANA Convention - at that time it was Well Known Fred Sweeny & Think its interesting that No Collection has Picked the Coin up. I assume Ed Hipp has sold it to an investor

The 1794 6-6 Large edge letter was acquired by Bluestein at the Eakersen Sale, Bill Raymond is the one who identified it Correctly. To bad I didn't accept Bluestein invitation to View his Coins

The 1795 Neal - Brodestow - Kalman Specimen 12 - S.Q. West was a Collection back in the 1960's. He purchased Coin from Bisher Breen and others. His Full Name was Dr. Stanley G West - I believe he discovered an 1800 Large Cent one of the NC's as well. I tried to Contact him back in the late 1960's but his Mail Was returned - Moved left No address. He obviously pourced some of his Half Cents to Endleman as Well lived in Philadelphia. about 3 years ago I got to see a big pile of Papers & West's which included a list of Coin in his Collection - I was able to Piece together Missing Parts of the Chain of ownership on a Number of Half Cent. He had 88 of the 96 Varieties listed in My book and 4 of the Missing Varieties were from 1793 and 1796 - So all in all West had a Very extensive Collection.

Knowing of your interest in My 2nd Edition I am
enclosing the Draft of the Constitutional Causes that I
am now galley type set on. I have also included
a sample of how the Cc Shows have each Variety so
have enlarged my chapter on 1802. There will Probably
be some more changes but you will note I do not
expect many If you have any ideas its not
to late just let me know

Sincerely

Rufus

11-6-81

Dear Roger,

Thanks for the information, I've corrected my notes accordingly. One thing though, I've reviewed my notes, etc. The 1794 S-6 large edge letters purchased by Blaisdell out of the Lahrman sale was attributed in the catalog as S-7 with no mention of the size of the edge letters. However, Blaisdell's note in his catalog which I have, makes a comment that the coin has large edge letters and this probably why he bought it. So if credit is given for the discovery it should go to W.C.B. / [illegible]

Thanks for sending a copy of your proposed write-up in the 1802-12. I'm not a writer or a researcher of coinage facts so I just can't help you out in these areas. However, on this I think is terribly important to the Condition Census. Rather than say F(5) - VG(4) and VF(10), the numerical grades for each should be listed separately such as VF-30, VF-25, VF-25, VF-20, etc. with some indication of ownership. This area may be the most interesting of all to dealers and collectors and should be treated accordingly. If people want to check the location of a coin in the CC or want an idea of how it compares to others, it's difficult to pin-point with such a vague reference as VF(10) as there are too many VF grades. In naming owners, people will be able to tell more readily if a coin they own is one already known or a new example of the variety. There may be problems with naming present owners but past ownership is nearly as helpful. The CC is very important and its omission from your first book was one of the ~~shortcomings~~ criticized points. This area is

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worth whatever time it takes for refinement. And, I must disagree with your remark that listing former owners would not increase the coins interest or desirability - - - -. Not necessarily a valid statement at all. Another thing if a coin has had 10 owners in a year say, all of them don't have to be listed. What's mostly important is, say what particular auction it came out of or what large collection ie Probasco, Snyder, etc. That would at least give people a place to check their coin as CC coins today are almost always plated in sales.

As for a basic value, I see trying to establish a formula for value as almost impossible. If an accurate one could be made today then in a year or two it would prbably be obsolete even with the most common half cents.

What say?

Best
Del

November 20, 1981

Dear Roger,

Have read your letter of Nov 11th several time and have enjoyed it much. Now more comments.

I am really interested in the how's and why's of all half cents as well as, of course, large cents. However, some things are of considerable more interest than others such as pedigrees, condition census information and history of the pieces themselves such as stories behind the boards, the striking of the 1811 restrike, how the old collectors got into the series, people such as Alvord, what happened to various collections such as the coins on the Gillant plates, etc. I'm not all that concerned about 1797 half cents being struck in 1800, etc. Nevertheless, I think all of these facets should be included in a book. The more information a book has the more desirable it will be. Sure, some people will only look at the plates and rarity but, like you say, you gotta produce a book for everyone.

To say my chief concern is a condition census isn't exactly correct. I just think it's a very important part of a book. Sheldon's EAC book had a CC but it wasn't very useful because collectors didn't know whether or not their coin was a dated example or where it stood in the top six because, for example, 60-35 only tells you there is one 60 coin known. There became so much interest in this part of his book that in Penny Whimsy WHS expanded it greatly. That was in 1958 and the interest now in a CC is so great that other series on occasion use some form or another to list top specimens of a variety.

I fully agree that listing a CC is a very dated thing. But everyone knows this. And occasionally duplications and errors appear. But I don't ever remember anyone criticizing WHS' book because of a dated CC. All collectors know or learn almost immediately that new specimens turn up. They anticipate that in (over)

hoping to find coins for their collections. That's one of the exciting aspects of collecting — finding a high grade coin not listed in the CC. But a coin has to be listed for a collector to know this. An expanded CC is important in three ways ① it lists the top grade coins ② it lists the number of coins in a particular grade ③ it gives a history of the coins. The example you gave for 1802 C-1 G-2 is just how a CC should be listed. I would carry it to the top 10 coins plus this for 10th place.

As for grading, that's always a problem and maybe always will be. Before listing a coin in the CC especially, a grade should be agreed upon by more than one individual whenever possible. For instance look at the 1794 G-8 that Lyn Knight had. I said it was AU-50, you said EF-40. I'm not about to say "You're nuts, Roger, it's an AU-50". The coin should be examined again by us or someone else to establish an accurate grade.

As for the owners of a coin in the CC, if a person isn't acquainted with any of them, there are enough knowledgible people who could acquaint him. If he doesn't value the effort then he really isn't that concerned.

Someone has seen almost all of the Half Cents that would be listed in a CC. For the few unseen examples, grading by plates or at the cataloger's grade would have to be acceptable. Of course, this is a bit of a problem but only a minor one considering the overall impact of an expanded CC.

People keeping their own records are most often limited to contemporary catalogs, price lists, etc. Very few can trace a pedigree because most lack a sufficient library. Even those who have libraries usually have insufficient means to do much research. A central source of data is something I hadn't thought of. That's a good idea. How about Ron Guth? Still it should be on the books.

The discoverer of the 1794 C-6b G-6 LEL, should it be the first one to make note of it or the first one to tell the world. I don't know. Willard was a closed mouth individual. Still he was a famous collector, one of the greatest but may not be recognized as such. In this case and for this reason I would list him as the discoverer. + a lot of paper. But so!

3-8-82

Dear Roger,

Saturday I received the two copies of your half cent book. Thank you very much for the deluxe edition. I really didn't expect that as a gift. It now reposes in my library as a very valued item.

Of course, this edition is much better than the first. I know collectors have been waiting for some time for it to come out. It's very well done and the reviews should be excellent. Hell, I'm almost ready to collect half cents now.

Hope to see you in Cincinnati.

Again, thanks.

Best Regards,

Del

7/25/86

Scott

Please Mail the enclosed SILV letter to

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C/O JEFF ROCK
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FOR A RETURN ADDRESS
JOST POT. WAY BACK EAST

Mark

February 21, 1987

Dear Frank,

Your letter of Jan. 13th was awaiting for me when I returned from California. Was gone over a month and got home last Monday. That's why this is such a late answer.

Haven't heard from Roger yet. But the important thing is to be able to view his coins, not that he contact me immediately. Thanks for acting as a go-between. Hope to see him in Dallas, as well as you.

As for me telling you what half cents are in the collections Pfeffer, Hanson & Rock goes, there are no political aspects nor implications concerned. I simply don't know. I did talk to Jeff Rock at Long Beach. He sold his half cents to someone in the midwest but he wouldn't say who. That guy, Jeff said, sold his duplicates in a Coin Galleries sale.

As for Harry Bass, I didn't even know he collected half cents, much less what is in his collection.

Why is Robert H. H you referred to?

Regarding the Omaha City Library collection (Byron Reed), I did see the 1/2 cents and large cents in there. Here is what I have:

1796 G-1 VF-25, 3% Dot variety ex. Parmelee sale, 1890 bought there by Byron Reed
1828 G-3 MS-63
1831 2nd restrike ex. of 1856 Proof 60+
1832 " " " " Proof 63 but a couple marks
1840 G-1 EF-40 CC. Cut cleaned & reduced, carbon spot rough field
1841 G-1 Proof-55
1842 1st restrike HALF CENT recent Proof 60+ (over)

1843 1st restrike HALF CENT mint Proof 60+
1844 2nd " dieful marks RICA Proof 60
1845 " " " " " " Proof 60+
1846 " " " " " " Proof 60
1847 " " " " " " Proof 60+
1848 1st " HALF CENT mint Proof 63
1852 restrike Proof 60+ Walter Breen note said "1st restrike - 3 known
2nd restrike in my notes - dieful marks over RICA
1856 Proof 55
1856 1/2 cent pattern AU ← did not see this
1793 E-2 AU-50 ex Ekeson: 1936

This was not all the half cents, I didn't make notes on the lower grade pieces

Thanks for the info on a couple cents. I miss about Larry Baldwin's S-217 but not about his S-16. Cool to know about the S-43 that went thru Craig Whitford's hands. It was 16-19, I saw the coin.

This is all the info I can give you on half cents. If you have any more questions, ask me & may be able to help.

Best regards,
Del

April 26, 1987

Dear Roger,

Leaving here April 30th for Vienna, Virginia to go thru Jack Robinson's early date cents. Will be there for eleven days and hope during that time I'll be able to see your collection. When I arrive at Jack's, I'll give you a call.

See you then.

Best Regards,

Del

11/11/87

Dear Del,

Yours of 11/5 in front of me which has been read and thought about. as I see it I have asked your opinion, you have given it as you see it which is a quality that I was looking for. I am going to now try to express why I have prepared my book in the manner in which I have so that you will understand my viewpoint.

The writing of a book is an attempt to convey a subject in such a way so as to make it possible for a person unacquainted with the subject to have some understanding of it. On the other hand an advanced collector should not be turned off because the book is too simple. An advanced person such as yourself has passed the point of many how to identify varieties you have also passed the point of learning rarity of varieties, the characteristics of certain varieties and a number of other items which must be learned by the ~~new~~ person who is new to the Half Cent field. By your own statements you do not seem to be concerned about the part history of the how and why of certain Half Cent information. Some persons are interested in in this and a book to my way of thinking must have this data.

As I understand it your chief concern is the Condition Census. which is the main concern of ~~many~~ many advanced persons. What I have done in the book is to make the Condition Census some what vague as you have pointed out

I will now try to further defend this position. The lists of a CC in a book is a very dated thing and makes the book subject to more criticism as the years go by due to more data showing up. As I understand your desires the CC for a Variety should be set forth as follows: I will use 1802 #1 (G-2) as an example.

CONDITION CENSUS

1 - F-15. THOMAS L. SMITH, STACKS JUNE 1957 — DOROTHY NELSON STACKS MARCH 1975 — B TETTENHORST.

2 - F-15. BATCHELDER, COIN WORLD 3D OF JAN 2, 1974 — SAM UNGAR

3 - F-12. W.B GUY SALE, H. CHAPMAN 1911 — HILLYER 4UTH RYDER — WAYTE RAYMOND — NEW NETHERLANDS SALE, JUNE 1ST WILLIAM BAREFORD

4 - F-12 PART II ANDERSON-DUPONT, STACKS NOVEMBER 1954 — TO BIDDER VE, PRESENT LOCATION UNKNOWN

5 - VG-10. RENDELL (AMASSACHUSETTS DEALER) — I.S.P AUSTIN COIN SEEN IN 12/73 DO NOT KNOW IF AUSTIN STILL HAS IT - DENT ~~COIN SEEN IN 12/73 DO NOT KNOW IF~~ EVEN KNOW IF AUSTIN IS ALIVE.

6 - VG-10. SCHOENWALTER

7 - VG-10. ALVORD 1936 MCCAW - NEIL 1947 - BROBSTON 1963 - ? - CENTURY SALE 1965 - ? - JESS PETERS AUCTION 9/77 - BILL GRAYSON - RL HUGHES 1978 - BILANCIA 1961 - BRAIG

VG-8

8- WK RAYMOND - OFFERED TO RSC BY GSH 7/72 FOR $3000.00 - RSC PASSED REFUSING TO BE GOUGED - GSH LATER REPORTED HE SOLD IT BUT DID NOT IDENTIFY PURCHASER. SO - ? -

9- VG-8 - BOB FOUST YORK PA - SOLD TO KAGIN ABOUT 1970 - COIN WAS REPORTED AS F TO VF

Now back What I've written will certainly could be abbreviated, another Question does Every one agree on the grading? Now what about a person unacquainted with all these owners Mentioned? or the Sales? What about some of the specimens that have Not been heard of for the last 5 years or so? also note it doesn't included the following Coin:

Good 6- OW FOSTER 8/53 NUMISMATIST - RUBY - R. TOTTENHORS - WK RAYMOND - BOWERS + RUDDY SALE - J COGAN - RSC - R. GUTH 5/81

Who are the owners and who are the agents? You might also identify those owners and agents Who are using an alias

I Just don't think that all the data is Necessary in a book for the uninitiated General Public. Those who are interested of which there are Many stout Keepers records What really should be done is to have one central source of the data but Who should it be? To whom should the Present owners of Coins be disclosed? What is being opened is a Pandoras box

The CC Presentation I have made is enough to whet an appetite of a person without barging him in detail - If a Reader is interested he will go searching it will give him something to do after he has mastered the things you have. Perhaps this was Sheldons idea in Setting the 1949 Large Cent CC it since has been expanded but you know as well as I do what problems exist in the Large Cent CC Today.

I consider myself an interested Large Cent Collector I have 286 Sheldon Varieties + 3 NC's Condition wise my average is VG-10 I have 1 or 2 Coins that may be in the CC but I am satisfied that I probably won't get any more. This situation is coming in Half Cents where by there will be Half Cent Collectors such as Dan in Large Cents. I think my book will give better guidance on Half Cents Now and in years to come than one can Now get today on Large Cents!! I would appreciate any further comments you may have. but I hope I have made it Clear Why I am doing What I am doing.

Now for another issue. I consider Bill Raycraft (LEC) to be the discoverer of the 1794 #44 (C-6) because he let the Half Cent fraternity know that such a Coin existed. I met and conversed with Willard on a number of occasions He never mentioned his discovery to Me or anyone else. He really lived up the the stereotype of the Close-mouthed Yankee

he was. Unbelievingly enough dead ~~about 1970~~ in 1968
Walter Breen Published in "Penny wise" about
the 1794 NC & which he had seen in
Blaisdell collection. There then followed a lot
of ~~flack~~ flak from Willard that the Publication
was unauthorised etc. It Rarely told me
Willard wanted to keep a secret and Walter
blew his cover. Blaisdell assumed the 1794 #6
(6-6) back in 1963 but Never let it be known
thus I do Not think he deserves credit.

Well I've had a long letter
and I'll close for Now Again thanks
for your Comments

Sincerely

Roger.